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H. R. 5290

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a refundable credit for State and local real and personal property taxes paid by individuals.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Family Property Tax
5 Relief Act of 2002”.

6 **SEC. 2. REFUNDABLE CREDIT FOR STATE AND LOCAL REAL**
7 **AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES.**

8 (a) GENERAL RULE.—Subpart C of part IV of sub-
9 chapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of
10 1986 (relating to refundable credits) is amended by redes-

ignating section 35 as section 36 and by inserting after section 34 the following new section:

“SEC. 35. CREDIT FOR STATE AND LOCAL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES.

“(a) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT.—In the case of an individual, at the election of the taxpayer there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by this subtitle for the taxable year an amount equal to 50 percent of the qualified property taxes paid by the taxpayer for such year.

“(b) LIMITATIONS.—

“(1) DOLLAR AMOUNT OF CREDIT.—The amount allowed as a credit under subsection (a) for a taxable year shall not exceed the lesser of—

“(A) \$5,000, or

“(B) the sum of—

“(i) the taxpayer’s regular tax liability (as defined by section 26(b)) for the taxable year, and

“(ii) the social security taxes (as defined in section 24(d)(2)) with respect to the taxpayer for the taxable year.

“(2) CREDIT AMOUNT.—The amount allowed as a credit under subsection (a) shall not exceed the percentage of the amount determined under subsection (a) specified in the following table (deter-

1 mined after the application of paragraph (1) but
 2 without regard to this paragraph):

“Taxable years beginning in calendar year:	The percentage is:
2002 and 2003	20
2004 and 2005	40
2006 and 2007	60
2008 and 2009	80
2009 and thereafter	100.

3 “(c) QUALIFIED PROPERTY TAXES.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this sec-
 5 tion, the term ‘qualified property taxes’ means—

6 “(A) State and local real property taxes at-
 7 tributable to the principal residence (within the
 8 meaning of section 121) of the taxpayer, and

9 “(B) State and local personal property
 10 taxes attributable to not more than 2 qualified
 11 vehicles of the taxpayer.

12 “(2) QUALIFIED VEHICLE.—For purposes of
 13 paragraph (1), the term ‘qualified vehicle’ means a
 14 vehicle which is not used in a trade or business and
 15 which is a passenger automobile (as defined in sec-
 16 tion 280F(d)(5)) or a light general purpose truck.

17 “(d) SPECIAL RULES.—

18 “(1) NO DEDUCTION FOR MARRIED INDIVID-
 19 UALS FILING SEPARATE RETURNS.—If the taxpayer
 20 is a married individual (within the meaning of sec-
 21 tion 7703), this section shall apply only if the tax-

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
3 December 31, 2001.

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